



MARCH 2016

NEXT MEETING:
Monday, March 21, 6:30 pm
Allentown Public Library
Community Room

Mark Your Calendar:

Allentown Police Chief Keith Morris will be our speaker at LANA's **March 21 Meeting**.

Pennsylvania's Presidential Primary Election day will be **Tuesday April 26, 2016**, with polls open from 7 am to 9 pm. The last date to register or change party will be Monday March 28.

Polling places have not changed. Residents living in precincts 13-1 or 13-2 (Hamilton St to Fairview, 12th to 16th St) will vote again at the Allentown Public Library.

For Absentee Ballots or other questions, contact Lehigh County Voters registration at 610-782-3194, or go to the County Government Center at 7th and Hamilton Sts.

7th Annual MLK Program & Lunch

More than 225 persons took part in the 7th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Program and Luncheon, held January 18, 2016 at St James United Church of Christ in the Library Neighborhood. The theme was Welcome Neighbor with Abbas Hameed Khalaf, Refugee Caseworker with Lutheran Family Services as the featured speaker.

Abbas, a Sunni Muslim had been targeted for death by a Shiite Muslim private militia. After finally coming to the United States he became a caseworker with Lutheran Family Services working with families that have faced the same challenges as he faced whether Muslim or Christian. "Many, many people in this country need to be more educated about how we're getting refugees here. They have a picture of terrorists. They don't have the right picture," he says.

We were also treated to two beautiful solos, 'Deep River' and 'The Gospel of Grace' by Emily Emick, a senior at Whitehall High School.

Our guests included Clyde Bosket Sr., a past speaker, and Bill White of the Morning Call. A camera crew from WFMZ made a brief video visit. LANA's Pat Brennan played for both luncheons, while many LANA members and Allen High School Rotary Club students served up lunch.

The Planning Committee included LANA's Suzanne Kratzer; Rev. Donald Stone, Rev. Lorraine Sell, Bob and Eileen Bernhard, Raub Area Neighborhood Association, Christine Bauder, and the late Gerry Reynolds.

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GUARDE ESTOS NÚMEROS IMPORTANTES

Police/Fire/Ambulance	911
Police: Non-Emergency	610-437-7751
Loud Music/Noise/Working on Cars	610-437-7751
Police Chief	610-437-7777
Police: Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Mayor Ed Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/Problem Properties	610-437-7695
Housing/Rentals	610-437-7697
-(Infestations, no heat/water)	
Street light out	610-437-7735
Recycling, trash & garbage	610-437-8729
-Special Operator (after 7 p.m.)	610-437-7571
Graffiti (to request removal)	610-437-8729
Tall Grass & Weeds	610-437-8729
Shopping cart pick up	610-437-8729
Streets	610-437-7638
Animal Control	610-437-7535
Animal abuse/neglect	610-797-1205
Overgrown shrubs	610-437-7589
Uncleared sidewalks	610-437-7589
Allentown Parking Authority	610-437-3366

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2016 LANA Meeting Dates

Monday, March 21, 6:30 pm
Saturday April 16, 10:00 am – annual clean up
Monday May 16, 6:30 pm
Saturday, June 25, 10:00 am – Frank Whelan
tours LANA

February 16, 2016 Meeting Notes

Stephen Vangelo has been appointed captain of the Westend Police Service Area 2, which includes LANA. He has previously served nightshift, also with Vice, Detectives and Investigations.

The Allentown Citizens Police Academy will be held again this year from April 4th to May 26th. www.AllentownPA.gov/Police, or contact Sgt Jim Gress at 610-437-7767 for questions.

Allentown Health Bureau will host the HOPE (Heroin Opioid Prevention Education) program Monday March 14, 6-7:30 pm in City Council Chambers. More information is on www.AllentownPA.gov. Captain Vangelo said there are now 2 or 3 overdose deaths every month. Officers are now taking part in the Narcene program, to try to cut the narcotic cycle.

The bicycle patrols have been expanded from 4 to 8, with 8 to 10 more possible. Some officers will have bicycles on back of their patrol cars so they can park and ride.

Captain Vangelo noted crime rates have come down over the past 7 years. The problem spot at this time is around 7th and Tilghman Streets.

Residents stated they felt the big problems in the LANA neighborhood were empty houses, which encourage vandalism and theft, trash and garbage out on the wrong days, and above all – ***parking!*** There are not enough parking space.

The 12th St Market/former IGA has a new leasing company, cleaning out the building, seeking a tenant. At this time they are allowing other residents to park in the lot, but will take action against problem vehicles. One of the problems with the property is that the entry alleys are too small for modern trucks.

Our neighborhood clean up is presently scheduled for Sat., Apr. 16. Can we find projects such as cleaning out the parks along Martin Luther King Jr Drive, or repainting curb lines?